

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE



**OFFICIAL WARNING**  
**VIOLATION OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS**

**CASE NUMBER:**  
WY130006-AC

**VIOLATOR:**  
Sharon Curless

**ADDRESS** (Street, City, State, ZIP Code):  
Pine Bluffs, WY 82082

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has evidence that on or about the date(s) listed below, you or your organization committed the following violation(s) of Federal Regulations:

**Date of Violation: July 2, 2013**

**9 C.F.R. § 2.40(b)(2)** Attending veterinarian and adequate veterinary care (dealers and exhibitors). Each dealer or exhibitor shall establish and maintain programs of adequate veterinary care that include the use of appropriate methods to prevent, control, diagnose, and treat diseases and injuries, and the availability of emergency, weekend, and holiday care.

You failed to provide adequate veterinary care for the following animals:

- 1) 1 female grey miniature poodle who had thick, brown material on the surface of her teeth and reddened and swollen gums around the teeth.
- 2) 1 female white miniature poodle who had thick, brown material on the surface of her teeth and reddened and swollen gums around the teeth.
- 3) 1 male brown Shih-tzu who had thick, brown material on the surface of his teeth and reddened and swollen gums around the teeth, and that also had several mats in the hair on his tail and back end.
- 4) 1 Maltese who had thick, brown material on the surface of its teeth, reddened and swollen gums around the teeth, a thick greyish discharge at the gum line on the upper right premolar tooth, and that also had a discharge from its right eye, which caused staining and crusting of the hair below it.
- 5) 1 Maltese who had thick, brown material on the surface of its teeth and reddened and swollen gums around the teeth, and that also had been scratching at its right ear. Upon examination a large fur mat was found behind its right ear with redness and hair loss on the back of the ear.

The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) created federal regulations to ensure the welfare of animals and help prevent the spread of animal and plant pests and diseases. Since violations of the regulations can have serious and costly impacts that are detrimental to the public interest, APHIS is providing you with an Official Warning for the violation(s) described above. Any further violation of these federal regulations may result in the assessment of a civil penalty, criminal prosecution, or other sanctions. If you have any questions concerning this Official Warning or violation(s), please contact the APHIS official listed in this notice.

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